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SUBJECT: JULY 2 COREPER FIXES MEDITERRANEAN AID, FIGURES AND SETS
DATES FOR EC TURKISH & GREEK CONSULTATIONS

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1. AS INDICATED IN REFTL, THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER) TOOK UP ON JULY 2 THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS COUNCIL'S UNFINISHED BUSINESS REGARDING EC AID
LEVELS FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE DATES FOR THE UPCOMING
TURKISH AND GREEK ASSOCIATION COUNCILS. ACCORDING TO
COMMISSION OFFICIALS, THE COREPER REACHED AGREEMENT ON A
TOTAL OF 970 MILLION OF ACCOUNT (MUA) TO THE
MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES FROM NOW UNTIL ABOUT 1980, BROKEN
DOWN AS FOLLOWS: TURKEY, 310 MUA; GREECE, 280 MUA;
THE MASHREK, 300 MUA; CYPRUS, 30 MUA; ISRAEL, 30 MUA
(WHICH CAME OUT OF THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT SET ASIDE FOR
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A RESERVE); AND A RESERVE FUND, 20 MUA. (FIGURES FOR

PORTUGAL, 230 MUA, AND FOR YUGOSLAVIA, 50 MUA, HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AND THUS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOTAL). THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE WAS ESPECIALLY ADAMANT ON REDUCING THE TOTAL CEILING FROM 1020 TO 970 MUA. WE DO NOT YET HAVE INFORMATION ON HOW THESE AID FIGURES WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK AND EC BUDGET RESOURCES.

2. THE COREPER HAS SET A JULY 8 DEADLINE TO RESOLVE THE ITALIAN RESERVE CONCERNING TURKISH "AGRICULTURAL REVIEW". THE GOI IS SEEKING A PRECISE STATEMENT ON WHAT AGRICULTURAL CONCESSIONS THE EC MIGHT OFFER TO TURKEY. SHOULD SUCH CONCESSIONS SERIOUSLY IMPINGE UPON ITALIAN PRODUCTION, THE GOI WANTS AN INDICATION OF HOW ITS FARMERS WOULD BE COMPENSATED. THE COREPER PLANS TO WORK INTENSIVELY THIS NEXT WEEK TO SATISFY THE GOI DEMAND. COREPER AGREED, NEVERTHELESS, TO SET TENTATIVELY JULY 24 FOR THE TURKISH ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING AND JULY 27 FOR THE GREEK MEETING.

3. THE FRG REPORTEDLY TOOK A FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARD RESTRICTIONS ON TURKISH WORKERS IN THE EC. THIS IS LIKELY TO BE ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES AT THE COUNCIL MEETING. HINTON

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